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In re application of: Buncke

Application No.: 09/919,750

Group No.: 3731

Filed: July 31, 2001

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For: Surgical Methods Using One-Way Suture

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(REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS)

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above identified

☒ application,

☐ patent,

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ASSIGNEE STATEMENT

Attached to this power is a "STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)."

Date: 1/2/09


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Name of person signing

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1. The assignee(s) of the entire right, title and interest hereby seek(s) to take action in the PTO in this matter.

IDENTIFICATION OF ASSIGNEE

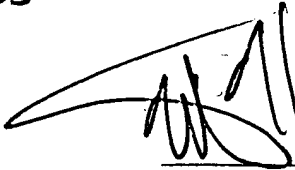
2. Quill Medical, Inc.
Name of Assignee
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BASIS OF ASSIGNEE'S INTEREST

Ownership by the assignee is established as follows:

A.

1. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the matter identified above, which was recorded in the PTO at
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AND/OR

- B. ☒ A chain of title from the inventor(s) to the current assignee as shown below:

1. From: Harry J. Buncke
Name of inventor(s)

To: Frank Hoffman (1/2 interest)

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2. From: Harry J. Buncke and Frank Hoffman
Name of inventor(s) or assignee

To: Quill Medical, Inc.

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- ☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed in the attached Supplemental Sheet

COPIES OF DOCUMENTS IN CHAIN OF TITLE

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☒ Copies of the assignment(s) or other document(s) in the chain of title are attached as follows:

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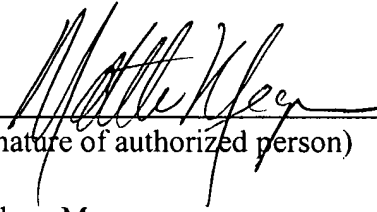
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I, the undersigned, have reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the

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matter identified above and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.


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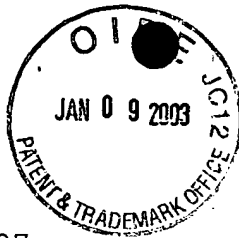
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BUNCKE, HARRY J.

DOC DATE: 04/30/1997

ASSIGNEE:

HOFFMAN, FRANK
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Re: Docket No. 447P
Recordation of Assignment Of Patent Application From
Harry J. Buncke to Frank Hoffman for
Surgical Methods Using One-Way Suture

Dear Sir:

Please record the enclosed copy of an assignment document.
Relevant assignment data are as follows:

Assignor: Harry J. Buncke
1565 Kingswood Drive
Hillsborough, California 94010

Assignee: Frank Hoffman
1760 Willow Road
Hillsborough, California 94010

This is an assignment of an undivided one-half interest in
the patent application and patent, the assignment document having
been executed April 30, 1997.

Please send all correspondence to Thomas M. Freiburger, at
the address on this letter.

This is a request for recordation of an assignment of a
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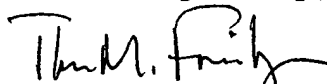
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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained herein is true and correct, and any copy submitted is a true copy of the original document.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Th. M. Freiburger".

Thomas M. Freiburger
Reg. No. 27,063
Attorney for
Harry J. Buncke and
Frank Hoffman

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Enclosure



ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I, Harry J. Buncke, residing at 1565 Kingswood Drive, Hillsborough, California 94010, a citizen of the United States of America, have invented certain new and useful improvements for "SURGICAL METHODS USING ONE-WAY SUTURE" for which application for Letters Patent has been executed of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hoffman of 1760 Willow Road, Hillsborough, California 94010 is desirous of acquiring an interest therein, to and under the said improvements and the said application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Harry J. Buncke, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Frank Hoffman, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, an undivided one-half of the full right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application for patent, and all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part thereof, and all patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all applications for Letters Patent which may be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and to all

extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, and the right to claim priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said Harry J. Buncke and Frank Hoffman, in the respective 50% interests.


It is hereby mutually agreed that neither Harry J. Buncke nor Frank Hoffman will grant a license or licenses under said application or Letters Patent (U.S. or foreign) or sell his interest or any portion of his interest therein without the written consent of the other, and no license or assignment shall be valid without the signature of both affixed thereto; and further it is agreed that all profits, of whatever nature, arising from sales of rights, licenses, or privileges to manufacture, sell or use said invention and improvements or from sales of the patent or any interest therein, shall be divided among the parties hereto in the respective interests stated herein, and that each shall account to the other for any profits, purchase price or royalties, etc. so received.

It is further agreed that if any party hereto shall make or shall have made or sell products coming within the said application or patent, he will account to the other for an amount

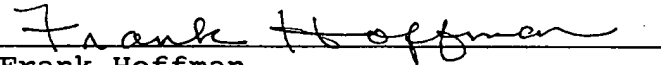
equal to a percentage of a reasonable royalty thereon corresponding to the ownership percentage of the parties as set forth hereinabove, or a similar percentage of profit from such sales, whichever is greater.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed and delivered this assignment on the date set forth below.

Date: 4/30/97


Harry J. Buncke

Date: 4/30/97


Frank Hoffman



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ASSIGNOR:

BUNCKE, HARRY J.

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ASSIGNOR:

HOFFMAN, FRANK

DOC DATE: 12/20/2002

ASSIGNEE:

QUILL MEDICAL, INC.
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PATENT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

THIS PATENT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 14th day of October, 2002, by and between Harry J. Buncke, an individual residing at 1565 Kingswood Drive, Hillsborough, CA, 94010 Frank Hoffman, an individual residing at 1760 Willow Road, Hillsborough, CA, 94010 (hereinafter referred to as "Assignors"), and Quill Medical, Inc., a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business located at 2505 Meridian Parkway, Suite 150, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27713 (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Assignors are the sole and exclusive owners of the Patent Rights (as hereinafter defined) set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Assignee desires to acquire, and Assignors desire to assign, each Assignor's entire right, title, and interest in and to the Patent Rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the good and valuable consideration set forth below, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

Assignors hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto Assignee all of Assignors' right, title and interest in and to the patent applications and patents set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto, any patents issuing based on any patent applications set forth on Exhibit A, the inventions disclosed in any of the foregoing, any and all counterpart United States, international and foreign patents, applications and certificates of invention based upon or covering any portion of the foregoing and all reissues, divisionals, renewals, reexaminations, extensions, provisionals, continuations and continuations-in-part of any of the foregoing (collectively "Patent Rights").

Furthermore, Assignors hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto Assignee all of Assignors' right, title and interest in and to all other know-how, trade secrets, improvements, inventions discoveries, concepts, and ideas, whether patentable or not, relating to the subject matter disclosed and/or claimed in the Patent Rights (collectively "Know-How"). In addition, Assignors hereby agree to assign and transfer to Assignee, from time to time as necessary, all of the right, title and interest that Assignors may later acquire or create in and to the Know-How for a period of one (1) year after the effective date of this Agreement.

Assignors further agree to transfer, or cause to be transferred, all documents and things necessary or relevant for Assignee to pursue, protect, or exploit its rights hereunder.

Assignors further agrees to and hereby does sell, assign, transfer and convey unto Assignee: (i) those rights to recover past, present and future damages for infringement of the Patent Rights, and (ii) all rights to apply in any or all countries of the world for patents, certificates of invention or other governmental grants for the Patent Rights and Know-How, including without limitation under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the International Patent Cooperation Treaty, or any other convention, treaty, agreement or understanding. Assignors also hereby authorize the respective patent office or governmental agency in each jurisdiction to issue any and all patents or certificates of invention which may be granted upon any of the Patent Rights or Know-How in the name of Assignee, as the holder to the entire interest therein. Assignors further agrees, at the expense of Assignee, to take all necessary and reasonable steps to record this Agreement in the Assignments branch of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the respective patent office or governmental agency in each jurisdiction as soon as practicable.

In consideration of this Assignment, Assignee shall (a) pay a total of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) upon the execution of this Assignment, and (b) issue a total of Seventy Five Thousand (75,000) shares of Assignee's Series B Preferred Stock, wherein each of Harry J. Buncke and Frank Hoffman will receive Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred shares, and each subject to all the terms and conditions of the Subscription Agreements attached in Exhibits B and C, respectively.

Assignors hereby warrant and represent (a) that they have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, (b) that they have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith, (c) that Exhibit A is a true and complete list of all patents and patent applications, (d) that there are no licenses or other agreements pursuant to which any other person or entity granting any right, title or interest in the Patent Rights or Know-How, (e) that they are the sole and exclusive owners of the entire legal and beneficial right, title and interest in the Patent Rights and that the Patent Rights are free and clear of any lien, charge, security interest, claim or other such encumbrance, and (f) that the Patent Rights have not been adjudged invalid or unenforceable by any relevant patent authority or court of competent jurisdiction.

The terms and conditions of this Assignment shall inure to the benefit of Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon Assignors, its successor, assigns and other legal representatives. This Agreement and its attached Exhibits A, B, and C, hereby incorporated by reference, contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement should be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. The waiver by any party hereto of any right hereunder or the failure to perform or of a breach by any party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other right hereunder or of any other breach or failure by the other parties whether of a similar nature or otherwise. This Assignment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

ASSIGNORS:

Harry J. Buncke

Frank Hoffman

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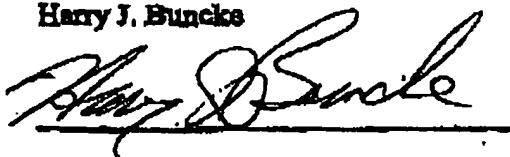
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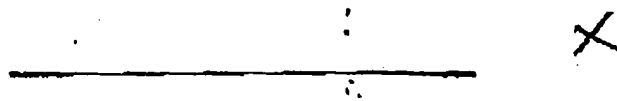
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Exhibit A

U.S. Patent No. 5,931,855
Surgical Methods Using One-Way Suture
Inventor: Harry J. Buncke

U.S. Reissue application No. 09/919,750 filed July 31, 2001

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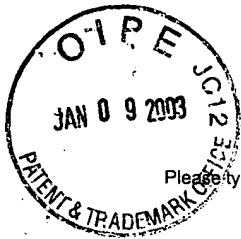
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